

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MANILA 13290 311007Z

13

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 INT-05 TRSE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 COME-00 /029 W

----- 050656

R 310918Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9646

UNCLAS MANILA 13290

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, ETRD, RP

SUBJECT: TARIFF DUTY ON PHILIPPINE COPPER EXPORTS TO  
THE U.S. UNDER G.S.P.

1. MR. R. G. TARROSA, ASSISTANT TREASURER, LEPANTO CONSOLIDATED MINING CO. INFORMS US THAT THE U.S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS IS DEMANDING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FORM A TO QUALIFY LEPANTO COPPER CONCENTRATES FOR FREE ENTRY INTO THE US UNDER GSP. THE PHILIPPINE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS WILL NOT ISSUE FORM A UNLESS LEPANTO CAN CERTIFY THAT ITS COPPER-BEARING ORES QUALIFY FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER US-GSP AS HAVING COPPER CONTENT VALUED AT LESS THAN 24 CENTS/LB, AND THEREBY COME UNDER TSUS NO. 60228. OTHER COPPER BEARING ORES ARE INELIGIBLE OWING TO THE "COM-PETITIVE NEED" LIMITATION.

2. LEPANTO HAS BEEN SHIPPING COPPER CONCENTRATES TO THE ASARCO SMELTER IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON SINCE 1948. MR. TORROSA INFORMS US THAT LEPANTO'S EXPORTS TO THE US HAVE NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS DUTY BEFORE THE ADVENT OF GSP. NOW, ASARCO HAS INFORMED LEPANTO THAT US EXECUTIVE ORDER 11906 DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1976 ELIMINATES EXCEPTION OF COPPER CONCENTRATES PRODUCED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PERU IN THE GSP. THIS MEANS, IF CORRECT, THAT LEPANTO WILL BE PAYING 8 CENTS PER LB. DUTY ON COPPER CONTENT OF EXPORTS TO THE US THAT IT DID NOT HAVE TO PAY BEFORE ADVENT OF GSP AND/OR

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MANILA 13290 311007Z

ISSUANCE OF EO 11906. LEPANTO HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY

TO CLARIFY THIS SITUATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF PHILIPPINE  
COPPER CONCENTRATES ENJOY DUTY FREE ENTRY TO US  
MARKET AND HOW THIS RELEATES TO GSP AND/OR EO 11906.  
SULLIVAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** COPPER, EXPORTS, GENERALIZED PREFERENCES (TARIFFS)  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 31 AUG 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976MANILA13290  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760330-0124  
**From:** MANILA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t1976084/aaaaacja.tel  
**Line Count:** 67  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** harterdg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09 APR 2004 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <21 JAN 2005 by harterdg>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TARIFF DUTY ON PHILIPPINE COPPER EXPORTS TO THE U.S. UNDER G.S.P.  
**TAGS:** EMIN, ETRD, RP  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006